

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:261

ANSWERED ON:22.03.2005

SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva;Yaskhi Shri Madhu Goud

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether to oversee the progress of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan a meeting has held recently which was also attended by the Prime Minister;
- (b) if so, the details of subjects discussed therein and the decisions arrived at;
- (c) whether high dropout rate in schools across the country was also discussed in the meeting;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps likely to be taken by the Government to stop such high rate of dropout in schools?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 261 ASKED BY SHRI K.S. RAO AND SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI FOR 22.3.2005 REGARDING SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

The first meeting of the Governing Council of the National Mission for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was held on 21.2.2005 under the chairpersonship of the Prime Minister. The meeting discussed the progress of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the members shared their views on the promotion of elementary education in the country, including the need to address the problem of dropouts.

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) seeks universal retention by 2010. Towards this purpose, the SSA gives special focus to measures that promote retention such as flexible schooling facilities, activities that directly support education for girls, programmes to support children from weaker sections of society and certain educational incentives.